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Alicia Mickelsen

BOV 'Highly Likely' To Raise Student Fees

By SARAH LUCAS

Special To The Bullet

Tuition will be increased by nine percent for in-state students and eight percent for out-of-state students next year, if these proposed tuition increases pass at the Board of Visitors meeting this Saturday, according to Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Rick Hurley.

Hurley developed the plan for tuition increases in March, and it was approved by President Anderson. Now, the plan needs approval by the Board of Visitors before it can be made official.

Originally, the Virginia General Assembly capped tuition increases at five percent. According to Hurley, the General Assembly realized they needed to cut deeper into higher education in order to balance the budget. It is up to Boards of Visitors of Virginia colleges to determine their tuition, with increases

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James Baker conducting.

Courtesy College Relations

Two Professors Retiring

By CAROLYN MURRAY

Assistant News Editor

Two of Mary Washington College's professors will be retiring in May, both having taught at the college since 1965. Bernard Mahoney, Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, and James Baker, Distinguished Professor of Music, will leave the college to pursue other interests.

Both professors said that

they do not have a permanent replacement yet. Baker, who conducts the orchestra, said that the music department is in the process of choosing an applicant.

"The Music department chooses someone and the BOV (Board of Visitors) has to vote [on it]," Baker said.

The Chemistry department, however, could not find any applicants willing to accept the position, according to

Mahoney. "The major reason [for the refusal] was a heavy teaching load and lack of financial incentive," Mahoney said.

Mahoney's salary is currently \$92,838, and Baker's is \$92,123.

Mahoney also said that the classes will be covered by a part-time professor.

"The department will start another search in the fall and

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Department Of Defense, JMC Reach Agreement

By JOHN SPACKE

Staff Writer

President William R. Anderson and Defense Acquisition University (DAU) President, Army Colonel Ronald C. Flom signed a "memorandum of understanding" last Thursday that could prove to be a major boost for the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies.

The agreement will allow students who have taken courses at the DAU to gain equivalency credits or wave

certain requirements necessary to earn a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Contracts and Procurement Management or a Masters of Business Administration with a concentration in Contracts and Procurement Management.

The DAU is headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va. with satellites throughout the country. The university is a relatively new institution, having been created at the request of Congress through the 1992 Defense Acquisition Workforce Act. The act

ensures that the employees of the Defense Department's Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics division government are highly educated.

Several of JMC's faculty worked on the development of the initiative.

"Quite awhile ago, when we conducted information sessions, we had lots of people asking about it, so we started looking into it," said Alan Heffner, professor of leadership and management and director of JMC's MBA program.

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Alcohol Kills 1,400 Collegians Yearly

Study Explores Dangers Of Student Drinking

By CAROLINE S. WALLINGER

Assistant News Editor



Junior Amelia Rose holds a beer in the Eagles' Nest.

Despite a recent study indicating that 70,000 alcohol related sexual assaults occur each year on college campuses, the problem does not seem as prevalent at Mary Washington College. However, college police, professors and administrators continue to warn of the possibilities for such problems to occur.

A study conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health estimated 70,000 cases of sexual assault, over 600,000 cases of assault, and about 1,400 deaths annually in alcohol related incidents at colleges and universities.

Police Chief Stan Beger says that the college police do not often hear of alcohol related sexual assaults on campus. "We very seldom get complaints," Beger said. "They may be out there, but we don't hear of them."

Beger added that of the cases that do come to his attention, most accusers choose to handle the charges through the

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President Up To Par?

Faculty Evaluate President, Dean Of Faculty, Services

By ALBERT KUGEL

Assistant News Editor

A recent survey implemented by the Office of Planning, Assessment, and Institutional Research shows that the administrative faculty rated the President and Vice President for Academic Affairs higher than the teaching faculty.

On 19 out of 28 questions, the teaching faculty rated President William Anderson lower than "Meets my expectations."

Conversely, on 6 out of 28 questions, the administrative faculty rated Anderson lower than the [administrative faculty].

"That's typical that [the teaching faculty rated Anderson lower than the [administrative faculty]."

"Anderson could not be reached for comment."

According to the Vice President for Planning, Assessment, and Institutional Research Roy Weinstein, of the 192 surveys sent to full-time teaching faculty, 26 percent responded and of the 108 surveys sent to administrative faculty, an

35 percent responded.

"With the low percentage of response, you can't take it too much to heart," Corbin said.

President of Faculty Senate Craig R. Vasey said that the surveys are useful to an extent.

"[The survey] is worth doing in the sense that it lets people know you're going to be evaluated," Vasey said. "You don't just get to do your job and not have to be accountable for anything."

The survey asked faculty responsibilities and tasks such as "Inspires excellence in teaching" and "Listens to concerns of faculty" and then rate the President from one, "not able to judge" to five, "significantly above my expectations."

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Fitness Center Construction To Begin

By ALBERT KUGEL

Assistant News Editor

After being postponed several times, Mary Washington College will break ground on Friday, April 19 at 3:15 p.m. for the new fitness center being built in front of Goolrick Hall. The \$3.2 million fitness center will provide additional exercise facilities and resources for students.

According to a recent press release prepared by campus officials, President William Anderson and members of the college's Board of Visitors will remove the first shovelfuls of dirt in front of Goolrick Hall.

"Haley Builders of Ashland, Va. will begin construction on the 15,000 square-foot facility next month, with an estimated completion date of April 2003. The funding, totaling \$3,268,250, will come from the sale of bonds by the state, which will be repaid through student comprehensive fees," reports the press release.

According to Director of Campus Recreation, John MacDonald, the new fitness center will contain two main floors.

"The top floor will overlook the bottom room, and this is where the cardiovascular equipment will be located," he said. "The lower level will be laid out with light weight lifting equipment."

MacDonald said the heavier lifting equipment will remain in Goolrick Hall as well as the locker rooms and showers.

"There will not be any showers or lockers in the new fitness center," he said.

According to college officials, the facility will connect to the auxiliary gym of Goolrick Hall, the current site of the Department of Health and Physical Education. The new fitness center will contain a health center, cardiovascular area, fitness evaluation office, lounge, laundromat and equipment room, equipment maintenance room, sitting area and office, as well as a weight room that will be open extended hours to all students.

"There will also be a trainer that the campus will employ," MacDonald said. "And his/her desk will be to the right as you walk in."

According to MacDonald, the groundbreaking was postponed because the bids were way over budget. This forced the college to decide against building the parking deck that was in the plans before.

"The new fitness center will eliminate twenty or so faculty parking spots," MacDonald said. "Those spots will be moved to the neck of Goolrick Hall by the maintenance shed."

MacDonald also said that free pizza will be provided at the groundbreaking ceremony.

Police Beat

By PHILLIP GRIFFITH
News Editor



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a.m. Three of the students were intoxicated and taken to Night Haven. All four were referred to the administration.

April 14—At 6 p.m., a student reported that a hit-and-run accident had occurred on April 12 in the Goolrick Hall parking lot. The student found damage to his vehicle and no one was around. Police say the student found out who was responsible and decided not to press charges.

April 15—A student in Jefferson Hall reported having a Fuji bicycle that was chained in a bike rack stolen. The bicycle was valued at \$300. The case is under investigation.

April 15—At 11:48 p.m., an incident of vandalism was reported to a car in the William Street parking lot. A student's Geo Tracker had its front passenger window broken in. Nothing was taken, and there was no other damage to other cars in the lot. The damage was estimated at \$200. The case is under investigation.

April 16—At 1:40 p.m., a stolen bicycle was reported from outside Marshall Hall. The bicycle was chained to a tree limb, and someone cut off the limb and stole the bike. The bicycle is valued at \$150. Police found it and another bicycle at the Battleground later that day, but the other bicycle does not fit any other larceny reports.

April 17—At 2:58 a.m., damage to a blue Nissan Sentra was reported. The car's right passenger window was broken in, and a CD case with about 60 CDs was stolen. The CDs are valued at \$600, and the damage to the car was estimated to be \$200. The case is under investigation.



by Caroline S. Wallinger

The Dangers of Being A Driving Instructor

The French Transport Ministry may soon impose a 24-hour waiting period for driving students to hear the results of their test, according to Reuters News Service. The proposed waiting period comes as a result of increased death and rape threats by failed students to driving instructors who refuse to pass them. A ministry official reported that frustrated students often threaten to kill or rape instructors, trash their cars or carry out physical attacks on them. According to Jean-Francois Verdiere, "Threats at gunpoint are not rare." France fails more than two-thirds of its candidates for drivers licenses. Some areas have already imposed the waiting period, with some success.

Ramen Noodles In Space?

Nissin Food Products of Japan has announced that it would like to develop outer-space friendly instant noodles as a food for astronauts, Reuters News Service reports. The noodles, very popular on college campuses, would ordinarily break up and fly in different directions under zero-gravity conditions, however a team of 10 experts is currently at work to develop a new cup and other ways for preventing this from happening. "We will develop the ultimate instant noodle product," a Nissin official said.

Eight-year-old Drives To School

An eight-year-old boy drove his uncle's car to school after missing his bus this week in Florida, Reuters News Service reports. The boy reportedly parked in the faculty lot, but was caught later in the day after boasting to his friends in class about the fact. The car turned up as a stolen vehicle, but the boy claimed not to know anything of a theft. His uncle was arrested and is currently under investigation for car theft. The boy was suspended from school for 10 days, but not arrested. The police could not arrest him because they did not witness him driving. "He wanted to show it off to his friends, I guess," said Temple Terrace Police Capt. Terry Mishler. "He made it [to school] right on time but he bragged about it and that's why he got caught."

Lights Out For Queen Mum

At 10:30 Greenwich Mean Time on Tuesday British mourners caused a 2,400 megawatt drop in electricity demand during an unofficial moment of silence for the passing of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. A spokesman for the National Grid said, "This is one of the biggest drops in demand we have ever seen." The six percent drop was just under the 2,700 megawatt drop that occurred in recognition of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States last year. The nation fell silent for a full two minutes Tuesday at the time of the beloved Queen Mum's burial which took place at Windsor Castle.

Scholar-In-Residence Program Eliminated

By LAURA HENDERSON
Staff Writer

The Scholar-in-Residence program is the latest in a long list of cut programs from Mary Washington College. The program, which allowed faculty members to live in dorms with students, will hopefully be reinstated in 2003 or 2004, say college officials.

Associate Professor of English Carmen Gillespie has lived in Ball Hall since she came to MWC five years ago. In those years, she has participated in formal student interactions through programs including film series, feminism

discussions, African American life and culture discussions, and guest speakers. In her less formal interactions, she said that students often came to her for English expertise as well as personal help. She was very disappointed that the program had to end.

"I think it's very unfortunate, there have been seven scholars in residence since I got here. The feedback from students has been good," said Gillespie.

Chris Porter, director of Residence Life and Housing, said that the program will hopefully return after some more living space is available, maybe when the Mary's Heights apartments are available,

but for now, as many rooms as possible have to go to students. The program's end will open up room for 10-12 students and will be given to either incoming transfers or students on the waiting list.

Porter also said that she is excited about reforming the program, as she thinks it is always good to give students and faculty interaction outside of the classroom.

"It never operated as it was intended to...I'm looking forward to bringing it into the 21st century," Porter said.

College officials say many other schools have a Scholar-In-Residence program, which will be examined when the program is recreated for Mary Washington College.

MWC Avoids Problems Caused By Alcohol?

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administration instead of pressing charges. Senior Alicia Mickelsen said she feels that the Mary Washington College campus is safe, and that alcohol related sexual assault is not a big threat.

"I feel relatively safe," Mickelsen said.

"I actually feel more afraid of the Fredericksburg natives than of other college students. I wouldn't feel comfortable being completely alone at Hard Times, but I would feel safe at a party with college students."

Mickelsen added that she feels that this campus is more safe because of its size among other things.

"Overall the campus is more conservative, and it's so small that I think people feel safer here," she said.

In the event that a sexual assault does occur on campus, a victim has three options, according to the Mary Washington College Police Security Report. A student can file criminal charges through the college police, file judicial charges through the college administration, and/or file civil action against the accused for monetary damages.

Although an accuser can take all three of these actions, many students choose only to file administrative charges.

Beger cited a number of reasons for the lack of criminal charges being made at Mary Washington College.

"A young lady when she's been victimized feels degraded and violated, naturally," Beger said. "She feels ashamed, and a lot of times doesn't want the whole world knowing what's happened."

Beger also suggested that the

consequences of sexual assault charges deter a lot of people from bringing them against another student, who may be a close acquaintance.

"A lot of these cases happen between friends, and as it turns out people don't want to get their friends in trouble," Beger said. "We get some third party reports, where a friend hears of an incident and comes to us, if it's a victim decides 'I don't want to do anything about it, our hands are tied,' he added."

A lot of cases on campus go unreported because of friendships between people, Beger said.

"Most people on campus have a lot of friends, and their friends get carried away sometimes, but they don't want to get them in trouble," Beger said. "I know there's a bond, but I just don't see taking the blame or letting someone get away with something for that."

Beger said he encourages victims of sexual assault to bring criminal charges if for no other reason than to prevent such a crime from happening again.

"My feeling is that if someone is going to commit sexual battery, if they do it once, they'll do it again," Beger said. "They should be subject to the legal system, or at least forced counseling."

Professor of Psychology Chris Kilmartin said that the link between alcohol use and sexual assault is not surprising, but people should be careful not to see alcohol as a causal factor.

"It's basically throwing gasoline on a fire," Kilmartin said. "If there's no fire, there won't be a problem. Most men out there would never dream of sexually assaulting a woman, with or without alcohol, but in the case of a predatory male, alcohol often gives a person the nerve to commit the crime, and then it also lowers the inhibitions of the victim."

Kilmartin said that many students

wrongly see an alcohol related sexual offense as unintentional or accidental.

"A lot of college students think sexual assault occurs as a result of miscommunication or misunderstanding," Kilmartin said. "I think this is absolutely untrue. There's a lot of predation out there. Frat brothers talk about it as 'working out a yes,' but in reality, some men use alcohol as a tool to victimize women."

Despite the number of cases of alcohol abuse and accidents and crimes happening in connection with the use of alcohol, the study also indicates that the number of nondrinking college students is on the rise. Kilmartin said this could be a result in better public information on how much students drink.

"It's a matter of getting the message out," Kilmartin said. "A lot of students tend to overestimate how much other students are drinking. Once they see that not everyone drinks as much, they realize they don't have to either."

Still, for many college students, drinking remains a strong tradition, and one that could have dangerous side effects.

"Every freshman move-in day seems to learn two things," Beger said. "How to smoke a cigarette, and where to get beer or other alcohol. And then the upperclassmen throw these kegs for kids parties off-campus. It's supposedly a rite of passage, but the law says it's wrong."

CORRECTION:

In last week's issue, the picture accompanying the article entitled "245 Students Waiting For Housing" should have said that Alexis White and Andrew Kohn led housing selection.

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"My most pleasant experience has been working with the students," Mahoney said.

Mahoney also said his role as career advisor for the chemistry department has been rewarding.

"I'm primarily proud of the role I've played in advising students towards fields in all kinds of areas," Mahoney said. "I feel that has given me a tremendous amount of satisfaction. I've been the catalyst to steer them on their path to a successful and rewarding career."

Students from the Chemistry and Music departments had nothing but positive things to say about the retiring professors.

Senior Jennifer Lukas, a member of the orchestra for four years, said that the group improved since her freshman year.

"Dr. Baker has had a really positive influence on us all," Lukas said. "He made the orchestra sound a lot better as the years have gone on. He's been a great resource all four years that I've been here."

Lukas also said Baker constantly makes the students smile.

"He always has a laugh for everyone," Lukas said. "He always cracks jokes in the hallway."

Sophomore Elizabeth Griffiths, a lab aide for Mahoney, said that she enjoys working with him.

"He's just the most wonderful man," Griffiths said. "He's just like my friend. I have a good time with him in lab. He really cares about people."

Courtesy College Relations



Dr. Mahoney.

Viewpoints

your opinions

Editorial

Last week, a study released by the Harvard School of Public Health found that 1,400 deaths were caused by alcohol use and alcohol was also a factor in over 70,000 sexual assaults on college campuses nationwide.

While students at Mary Washington College may believe that we are immune to this issue because we are such a small school, and situations like this only exist at "other schools," we must stop having such a lackadaisical attitude towards excessive alcohol use. Situations such as these arise here much more often than we'd like.

People believe that sexual assault is something that always happens to someone else. That's something that happens randomly to people while they're jogging late at night or walking alone in a suspicious neighborhood. The truth is, students can be coerced into sexual situations by people they think they know well. In some cases, they drink too much in the company of friends they believe they can trust, pass out, and wake up two hours later with someone on top of them, forcing them into a sexual situation they didn't want to be in. This can happen to anyone, male or female.

Victims of assault need to realize that excuses such as "I was drunk," or "He had been drinking too much. He's not usually like that," are no reasons to believe that they deserved what happened.

Victims also need to know that the Campus Police are here to be supportive in any way possible, whether it be coming to Mary Washington Hospital while a rape kit is done, or explaining the options a victim has. However, they cannot do anything to punish the assailant unless the victim decides to press charges.

We need to realize that sexual assault due to drinking is a very possible occurrence on this campus. Police Chief Stan Beger advises that upperclassmen set an example for incoming freshman and stop exposing them to alcohol. While this might be a fairly unrealistic projection, one thing that students can do to minimize the risk of being in a bad situation is to decrease the amount of alcohol they drink. And if they do end up as a victim of assault, they need to realize that by failing to press charges or punish the assailant, they are just contributing to the chance that it might happen again.

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Senior Sentiments

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Guest Columnist

With graduation looming over me like an anxious eagle, I am beginning to take inventory of my four years here. They have been overall amazing times and I am thankful for the great opportunity provided to me in attending this institution.

But, as I look at this college moving on I see many ways it can improve itself, some are very simple and cost efficient.

So here they are: Fifteen Cost Efficient And Easy Steps This College Can Take To Help The Student Body And Better Itself.

1) No classes on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. This is an easy one. For a campus so bent on diversity, not to honor this man makes us look like hypocrites. Also, encourage faculty to use the Multicultural Center as if it were the Writing or Speaking Center. Involve students in activities they normally would pass over.

2) Allow Christian groups to help move in Students. This isn't about separation of church and state; this is about not letting good people do a good deed.

3) Change the 55 credits in a discipline cap to 61. This makes perfect sense. I am all for a liberal arts education, but one should be allowed to ascertain half their

credits for their diploma from within the major. This also helps departments known for supplying gen. ed's (English) and those wanting to take high credit internships.

4) Admit guys and girls equally. And don't pretend we don't know. As there should be no quota for race/ethnicity, there should also be a gender quota. Make this school more competitive by admitting the best and brightest, not trying to even the gender playing field.

5) Security needs to be in the parking lots 24/7. Need I explain more?

6) Radio station. We have one, kinda. I understand the costs and FCC regulations. But with advertising and the ability to reach out into the community, that money will eventually all be earned back. This is something the school needs badly.

7) Snack machines in Trinkle. It's the only 24-hour study place and I can't get chips and a Mountain Dew at 3 a.m. Take the business to the people.

8) Resident Assistants should have their own rooms. Having been one, I can attest to the difficulties this has on the job performance as well as the way it affects morale. Also, compared to other colleges, our work-study pay is an insult.

9) Revamp the housing system. Okay, this is going to be difficult. But, I don't hate the

system now. But I feel for those junior and seniors without a number. Make the lottery numbers on a first come/first pay basis. Those declaring to go through the process and turn in their \$200 will get a number. The longer you wait the less likely of a chance you will get a number. You snooze, you lose. It's better than screwing over innocent people.

10) Increase faculty pay. Okay, this is a big budget issue. But if our school is going to be more competitive, less money needs to go to rocks and clocks and jocks and more money needs to go towards Academia. Stop requiring so much and giving so little.

11) Rethink the foreign language requirement. This is a simple one. Require 101 and 102. Then make 201 and 202 Global Awareness or fit into another goal. This will not sink the foreign language department and will help students who struggle through these courses. Encourage within some department completion of 202; this could also help.

12) Eliminate the technology requirement to graduate. For no other reason but it insults our intelligence. We all know how to email and surf the web. If anything, require students to name the SGA president, Dean, and Honor Council President before they graduate. Otherwise, get them

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The Adventures Of Anderson: Part Six



Alyssa Best/Bullet Head Courtesy College Relations

President Anderson returns to his administrative duties just in time to hand the graduates their diplomas. Although he decided not to remain a student, he learned about student needs and plans to hold beer parties on Brompton's lawn again. Will President Anderson return to student life at a later date? Only he knows...



Letters to the Editor

Thanks Again

Dear Editor:

On April 5-6, 2002, the Office of Admissions hosted its annual Celebrating Cultural Diversity Weekend (CCDW). During their overnight visit, students of color admitted to the class of 2006 were on campus to sample MWC's academic and social atmosphere.

A great deal of hard work and preparation went into making CCDW an outstanding event. However, the success of the program will due in large part to a group of dedicated students who wholeheartedly volunteered their time, residence hall rooms, and perspective of the MWC experience to their guests.

Feedback from prospective students has been quite positive, as they were impressed not only with the variety of events offered that weekend, but the personalized attention from all hosts who made MWC feel like home.

Please join me in congratulating the following students on being model ambassadors for MWC and for their commitment to celebrating cultural diversity. Personally, I celebrate each of them for simply serving as an example of what we've all come to love, respect, and expect from a Mary Washington student.

Osasu Airiavbere, Denise Arce, Kait Arrington, Ryan Butts, Shemsi Caballero, Maria Cedeno, Christine Chan, Amanda C. Davis, Terry Edwards, LaShaun Hardy, De Hilliard, Meredith Hite, Tiffany Hudnall, Kory Jessen, Shaunte Jones, Katrina Keitt, Susie Lee, Erica Mank, Elizabeth O'Leary, Shaina Pereira, Nicole Semerano, Portia Smith, Mary Stanley, and Amal Yesuf.

The Bullet Inked A Holey Story

Dear Editor:

As President of New Hall and organizer of the Tattoo and Piercing program on April 4, I am very disappointed in the article published on April 11. After talking with the author of the article and discussing what all went into this event, I was surprised that absolutely none of what I said was included.

First of all, this article was written in the first person, which made it seem more like an editorial than an informational article. What about the time and effort that was put into this program? What about the weeks of advertising, the work that New Hall Council put into making it a success? What about the fact that nothing like this has ever been done at Mary Washington College?

While reading the article this afternoon, I overheard someone ask, "So why did Mary Washington even HAVE a program like this?" If the correct information and details had been included in the article, then everyone would know—as an upperclassmen hall, we are required to do one educational program per semester. New Hall Council wanted to do something different and creative, something that would stand out among other typical programs on this campus.

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"Gordon really takes this job seriously," Fieg says. "He's always early to work, conscientious and willing to provide assistance. We feel safe with Gordon around, knowing that he will make sure that we get safely to our cars when we leave at night."

When Dwyer is not making his rounds on the floors of Simpson or outside around the building, he can usually be found somewhere in the library reading a new book he has found or chatting behind the circulation desk with the night supervisors or the student workers.

Senior Cara Wolfe, a student aide who works nights at the Simpson Library, says the first thing that struck her about Dwyer was that he immediately remembered her name. She also recalls how excited he was about the upcoming Spring Break.

"The Thursday before Spring Break I was working a shift in the evening, and Gordon was there making his usual rounds," she says. "He was funny because he made a point of reporting over the two-way radio that there were only something like four students on the whole floor. He got the next week off too, so I think he was definitely anticipating the upcoming break right along with the students."

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athlete of the week

Erik Kochert

The senior runner
was named CAC
Athlete of the Week
for track and field
after his strong
performance at the
Messiah College
Invitational.

Eagles Squeeze Past York, 9-8

By JANET COOPER

Sports Editor

On Monday, April 15, the Mary Washington College men's lacrosse team began its quest for the Capital Athletic Conference Championship title with a 9-8 quarterfinal win over York College of Pa.

The game was hard fought, especially with the additional, unexpected opponent of the sweltering heat. The victory marks the 10th win for the Eagles this year, breaking a school record. Their record stands at 10-4 overall and 4-2 in the conference. However, the win over York did not come easily, according to head coach Kurt Glaser.

"We were lucky to win. [We] played with little emotion or focus. Mike D'Erediti came up big in the 4th quarter a couple times, Mark Malone played well, [and] the close defense played well," Glaser said.

D'Erediti, the sophomore goalie for MWC, earned 10 saves in the game.

Seven different members of the squad combined for the nine goals. Sophomores Malone and Matt Wiles contributed two goals each in the deciding victory.

Others with a goal a piece include senior Joe Boulier, juniors Jamie Test, Paul Schutman, Randy Fulk and sophomore Chris Doddrige. Boulier also added two assists, and Wiles had one as well.

The Eagles found themselves down a goal after four minutes of play, but then MWC rattled off two scores in a row. Less than three minutes later, York had scored three more goals and the score stood at 4-2 in favor of the Spartans.

Back on offense, the Eagles took charge and goals within a 30 second span by Test and Malone erased the deficit. The score was tied at four after one quarter of play.

However, York broke the tie in the second quarter after scoring a shorthanded goal. The Eagles found themselves down at halftime, 5-4.

"York was a much better team than when we first played them and won 12-3. They controlled the ball on offense better than we did, but luckily our defense played well," Wiles said.

Penalties were also a problem for the Eagles, having to play a man short on numerous occasions.

The team turned things around in the third quarter, however, shutting down the York offense and scoring three goals of their own to take the lead for good.

The game stayed tight throughout, until the Eagles finally prevailed with the 9-8 victory.

"Hopefully we can build on this 10th win and defeat St. Mary's in the CAC semifinals and make our first ever CAC championship appearance," Wiles said.

With a win in their next game, MWC would face either Salisbury University or Goucher College in the championship game on Sunday afternoon.

The third ranked Eagles travel to Maryland on Thursday to take on the number two seeded Seahawks of St. Mary's at 4:00pm.

Fast Fact:

The youngest parents were 8 and 9 years old and lived in China in 1910.



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Senior Joe Boulier looks for an open shot in a recent game.

Softball Falls to York in Doubleheader

By LIZ KELLER

Assistant Sports Editor

The Mary Washington College softball team lost two close games to York College of Pa. Monday afternoon, dropping their overall record on the season to 19-17 and 5-3 in the Capital Athletic Conference. However, their championship hopes are still alive as a number two seed in the CAC tournament.

The Eagles led early in the first game, but the Spartans scored four runs in the fifth inning, giving them a one run lead.

Freshman shortstop Erin Bundrick hit a solo homer to tie the game in the sixth inning, but the Eagles could not come back, losing 5-4 in eight innings.

After losing the first match in extra innings, the Eagles returned for the evening game ready to play.

Junior Jen Rice pitched both games for a total of 13.1 innings, allowing three earned runs while fanning 10 batters. Despite good

hits from Bundrick and junior leftfielder Julia Gloukhoff, who were a combined 5-12 for the day, the Eagles struggled offensively in the second game, losing 4-1.

They were only down by one run in the fourth inning, 2-1, but the Spartans extended

their lead in the sixth inning, scoring two more runs to ice the victory.

"Our bats weren't cracking when we needed to produce some runs and it just seemed like our hearts weren't in the games," said Rice.

The Eagles made six errors on the day, five in the second game, which also played a factor in the defeat.

Junior first baseman Erin

Keenan, who had two hits on Monday for the Eagles said, "We just had an off game,

we had a lot of defensive flaws and inconsistent hitting."

However, the losses have made the team more motivated to win their next game.

"I don't think [the loss] affected us at all. We're just going to practice hard and we will be ready to go this weekend," said Bundrick.

Rice also felt that the team's efforts in practice will prepare them for the tournament.

"We are working really hard this week in practice and as long as our bats come alive and we make easy outs in the field, we should be CAC champs," said Rice.

The Eagles look to capture their first CAC championship since 1996 when they travel to Salisbury, MD on Saturday April 20 for the CAC tournament.

Eagles Shut Down Sweet Briar College

Women's Tennis Make Clean Sweep, CAC Tournament Awaits

By KATE STACY

Staff Writer

In their home match against Sweet Briar College this past Tuesday the Mary Washington College women's tennis team showed the visiting team who owns the courts with an impressive 9-0 win.

"I would have to say it was a total team effort," coach Cindy Vander Berg said, noting that team recent team injuries have challenged the women's team.

The team has had to switch up doubles combinations frequently throughout the season, making yesterday's victories even more remarkable.

The singles matches reflect the achievements of a hard working women's team. Senior Steffany Slaughter played at the #1 seed, defeating her opponent with a score of 6-4, 6-1.

"The whole team pushed through some tough matches to come out with a sweep."

Katie Zelenak



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A member of the women's tennis team serves a point.

Freshman Karli Schneider played at #2 finishing her match at a 6-1, 6-2, while sophomore Lindsay McMahon, playing at #3, beat her opponent with a score of 6-3, 6-2.

Sophomore Kim Colwell played at #4, quickly defeating her opponent with a final score of 6-0, 6-1.

Junior

Nancy Clark,

playing at #5,

Dena Heath at #6,

also defeated

their opponents

with swift

clear victories

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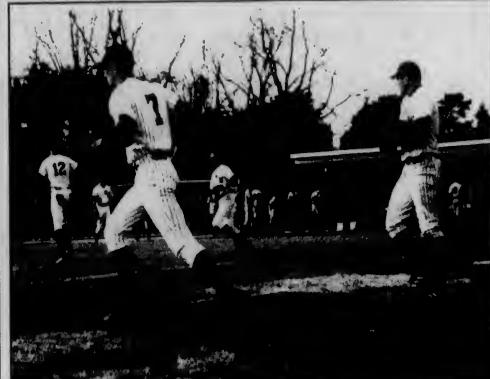
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The #2 and #3 teams also came

through with wins for their team with

Colwell and sophomore Katie Zelenak

They move on to the Capital Athletic Conference Championships at Salisbury University this weekend April 21 and 22.



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The Eagles were victorious in their first CAC tournament game, defeating Catholic University by the score of 5-4. Aaron Altscher drove in the game winning run with an RBI single in the eighth inning.

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Sports Wire

Compiled by Janet Cooper

Tiger Woods Wears Green Jacket Once Again

The 2002 Masters trophy belongs to none other than Tiger Woods. He won the tournament for the second consecutive year, beating Retief Goosen by three strokes. Woods finished at 12 under par. He birdied three of his first six holes in the final round and was well on his way to victory.

Hockey Fever: Stanley Cup Playoffs Begin

On the first night of the NHL playoffs, the Vancouver Canucks came from behind to defeat the Detroit Red Wings, 4-3. In another overtime thriller, the Philadelphia Flyers erased a scoreless tie and defeated the Ottawa Senators, 1-0. The New Jersey Devils, defending East champions, lost to the Carolina Hurricanes, 2-1.

Rocker Sent to Minor Leagues

Texas Ranger John Rocker, more famous for his mouth than his pitching, has been sent to Triple-A Oklahoma. He blew a save opportunity Tuesday night against Anaheim, and his record stands at 0-1. Rocker has blown two saves through six games and has a 9.53 ERA.

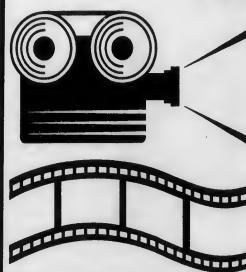
Playoff Picture Forming in the NBA

The playoffs begin this week in the NBA, but many pieces to the puzzle are still missing. The Toronto Raptors won Wednesday night, so they are in as either a #7 or 8 seed in the East. The New Jersey Nets are the top seed in the East, while the Sacramento Kings have the #1 position in the West.

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Movie. "The Lord of the Rings." 7 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. Dodd Auditorium, GW Hall. \$1

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"Pre-Exam Jam". Concert featuring Graham Colton and Folded Under. Underground. 7:30 p.m. **Free**.

top ten movies

1. *Changing Lanes*
2. *Panic Room*
3. *The Sweetest Thing*
4. *Ice Age*
5. *The Rookie*
6. *High Crimes*
7. *Clockstoppers*
8. *Frailty*
9. *Van Wilder*
10. *Blade II*

Opening this weekend:
"Murder By Numbers," featuring Sandra Bullock and Ben Chaplin. Also opening is *"The Scorpion King,"* featuring The Rock.

source: www.imdb.com

Quote of the Week

"Everybody loves me, and I intend to keep it that way."

-Kathryn,
"Cruel Intentions"

Dancing With Determination

Performing Arts Club Member Shares Her Story

By MARY SCHMOTZER
Staff Writer

Have you ever had a sprained ankle? Better yet, have you ever danced, walked, lived with a sprained ankle? Then you know, I know, I know, it wasn't smart, as many of my friends have yelled at me over the past few weeks. I also got a great deal of criticism, a.k.a. "concern."

My roommate, a.k.a. pseudo-mommy, even became aggressive when I first tried to walk again. She told me to put my foot up and handed me a bottle of alcohol. But dancers have a special brand of determination that keeps us going. I know many dancers who have danced through injuries: all kinds of tendonitis, knee injuries, back problems, even a broken ankle.

Just as have most of my friends, I've always wanted to dance. When I was five, I told my mother that I would

someday dance in the Nutcracker ballet. By the age of eight, I accomplished this goal, and continued year after year until I was sixteen. I have now promised myself that I will eventually dance this ballet again. Dancing is such a part of my life, I don't think I will ever stop! That is, until I am broken again.

So perhaps we're not too smart for perpetuating our injuries, but it's because we love dance too much to stop. Taking time off is one of the hardest things in the world for us. While injured I had to watch my jazz class, and it was actually depressing. Not only do we need to stay in shape, but watching others dance while you can't is.

I also had to miss rehearsals while I was hurt, and with the impending performance, it definitely became a setback. Luckily, I had great choreographers who promised me that as long as I thought I could dance, I could stay in their pieces. I did my best to learn by watching, and then crammed a lot of choreography into my head during the last week or so. As if there's not already too much stuff in there anyway.

By the time the week of the show came, I was pretty scared about being able to dance, but thankfully that dancer determination kicked in.



From left: Portia Cooper, Katie Bell, Mary Schmotzer, Jen Rokasy and LoriAnn Maresca are all dancing queens.

photo courtesy of Mary Schmotzer

Blade II: Less Bang For The Buck

Blade II Isn't As Cutting Edge As Hoped

By TREY CROMWELL
Staff Writer

"Blade II," while a good attempt at the vampire hunter's continuing story, falls short of its predecessor. The movie is two hours of super charged fight scenes, in which Blade is repeatedly beaten senseless, only to rise up and destroy his enemies. The climactic scene involves Blade's resurrection from a pool of blood in the headquarters of the vampire overlord, a scene notable only for its comedy value. A mix of computer animated graphics and pro wrestling moves, "Blade II" is little more than eye candy for the audience.

The movie follows a fairly predictable plot line. Blade, on his quest to destroy all vampires, is approached by a group of the bloodsuckers, who propose an alliance of sorts between themselves and Blade.

Wesley Snipes slips considerably. Snipes is the only development downplayed. replaced by geek and

easily back into the role of Blade, bringing his martial arts skills to bear in the fight sequences, character in the movie with any sort of Even Whistler, played by Kris Kristofferson, is Back from the dead, Blade's mentor has been another character, Scud, who is a blend of tech hard edged punk.

Snipes brings back Blade's cool, tough as nails attitude, staying true to his character throughout the movie. Snipes brings a different element to this film, fleshing out the character of Blade. Blade is much more human in this movie, as opposed to the violent, almost humorless machine we saw in the original. We see a sense of humor, a darkly playful air to the character that is fun to watch.

In its favor, *Blade II* does have a good pace to it. The movie could have been painfully slow, but the producers kept the action going. There is almost no pause in the action, moving from one melee to another.

Sophomore James Scott echoed my sentiments.

"It sucked," he said.

"Blade II" is a money maker, that much is clear. Fans of the original movie will enjoy the newest in what seems to be a chain of sequel set-ups, but if you're looking for a good way to spend seven dollars, *Blade II* isn't worth the effort.



Left and Above: Wesley Snipes stars in "Blade II."

photo courtesy of Internet Movie Database

FAST FACT:

Mormon leader Brigham Young had 57 children with 16 of his 27 wives.

What's Your Dream Summer Vacation?



"The Great Barrier Reef in Australia because it's exotic."

- Jennifer Jones, junior

"France, because I've been there before and I want to go back."

- Jennifer Dixon, senior

"A summer working at Hooters."

- Don Stader, soph.

"I would star in 'Endless Summer 3.'"

- Priscilla Tomescu, soph.

"College life without the school and work."

- Kathy Yoon, fresh.

Video Renting Etiquette

By VALERIE SPRAGUE
Staff Writer

How many movies have you rented in past few days? The past week? The past month?

My count has gone from a relatively healthy Once-a-Month to an absurd Watch-a-New-One-Every-Night, all because I was recently hired at my local video rental shop. A whole new world of free rentals has opened up to me. And besides, carding kids who try and sneak in an R-rated movie between "Balto II" and "Dr. Doolittle" can be entertaining.

But it's not just perks. The job is strenuous and demanding and not at all the cushy, "chump change" career choice our customers

seem to think it is. In order to make your video renting experience as pleasurable as possible for both you and I, I give you the **Etiquette of Rental: 10 things you can do to make the video world a happier, healthier place.**

1. Rewind your tapes. For the love of God, just do it. It's like hanging up a public payphone when you're done, just common courtesy. We love people who rewind. We write pleasant notes about them in our computer files.

2. Do not try to rent an empty box. If it feels like there's nothing in it, chances are there's nothing in it. You want the box behind the one you grabbed, the one with the movie actually inside.

3. Avoid lying to the clerks. We can tell just from your glance and uneasy shift in weight whether or not that movie was "flickering up and down" on your tv screen. We know when you've turned something in and when you're just pretending you have. Lying just makes you look silly.

4. Wear shoes. You wouldn't think this would be necessary to point out, but it is.

5. Ask once and then let it lie. Our job is to constantly watch the returns and check them in so that you can get the movie you're craving. Asking us to repeatedly rummage our return bins is primarily annoying with an aftertaste of insult. Maybe the movie you want isn't there because it's 10:30 p.m. on a Friday night?

6. Excuses not necessary. If you feel embarrassed or guilty for a late fee, don't worry about it. We won't judge you, we won't be harassing you, we'll just take your money and smile.

7. Do not hit on store clerks. Though it's very flattering, sexual attention from customers renting "American Pie 2" or "Thirteen Ghosts" isn't any employee's idea of passionate romance. It's even more of a turn off when the customer is renting pornos.

8. Pay your dues. It's interesting to have a person engage in a sale when they have no means of paying. Try and have money on you when you want to rent something.

9. Have an account with our store. Standing in our line with videos in hand and

a "Hurry Up" attitude will not change this rule for you. It stays.

10. Do it yourself reshelving. Let's play a new game. Let's play "I can put it back where it belongs." It's simple, easy, and guaranteed fun for the clerk who can avoid alphabetaizing until 2 the next morning.

Some might ask how I can be so bitter after only two weeks of working with my video rental outfit. It's easy, and it happens every day to otherwise sweet and loving people like myself. The rental industry is a beast to work. It is imperative that I explain the Mary Washington College students how to help. Follow my tips and I guarantee you'll never have a mysteriously manifested late fee of fifteen dollars.

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